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**From:** Leah Ann Lamb  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 5:01:48 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Loosing my business! -- Gold King Mine Discharge

That is unfortunate as I did do media interviews yesterday and I think one station did say it's safe when our message was that we were monitoring and expected the plume to be greatly diluted by the time it reached the San Juan and would not be a serious concern but that we were monitoring all week and would release our data as we received it. We cautioned not to ingest and to wash up if folks had contact with the water. We do have a web page up but still no water chemistry or sediment data....just filed pH

<http://www.deq.utah.gov/Topics/Water/goldkingmine/index.htm>

I appreciate your response ... and did not give out your phone!

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On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 10:44 AM, Hoffheins, Donald <[dhoffhei@blm.gov](mailto:dhoffhei@blm.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for forwarding the message and calling me by phone Leah Ann. We too have not had any information from the EPA or any other agency about the situation, either the location of potential contaminants or the likely toxicity. We have been clear with all potential private and commercial rafters that we advise they don't use the water/river until we know more. We have had numerous rafters cancel trips which is very unfortunate, but I believe that it is prudent to be conservation.

I know Mr. Berrett and/or his employees have been calling our field station and

talking with our River Rangers so there is little that I can add, but I will try to contact Mr. Berret today by phone even though he and others are cc'ed with this email. I do know that our river ranger was told by Wild Rivers personnel this morning that "Wild Rivers was told by UDEQ that the water is safe to recreate in the San Juan, so they are continuing with all of their planned trips." I asked our River Ranger who Wild Rivers said who they talked to and when, and what basis they had to determine it was safe, but have not heard back as they are preparing to haul drinking water to Halchita residents.

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On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 9:36 AM, Leah Ann Lamb <[llamb@utah.gov](mailto:llamb@utah.gov)> wrote:

Jared and Dallin: I was asked to respond to your e-mail and I left you a voice-mail earlier. The DWQ does not have the information to answer your questions and recommends that you contact the regional BLM Office and/or the Local Health Department. DWQ does not issue health advisories ... this is the LHD's role. I believe BLM has issued an advisory of some sort but I do not have a copy and could not find it on their site [http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/monticello/recreation/permits/san\\_juan\\_river.html](http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/monticello/recreation/permits/san_juan_river.html)

I am sorry that I cannot answer your questions below. We are working to create a webpage for the public... but I can only refer you to others at this point. Both the BLM and LHD are cc'd above and I left them messages about your inquiry. DWQ is in the process of monitoring the San Juan as the plume enters Utah but we do not yet have water chemistry to post. I am sorry for this unfortunate situation.

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From: **Jared Berrett** <[jared@fourcornersadventures.com](mailto:jared@fourcornersadventures.com)>

Date: Sun, Aug 9, 2015 at 10:35 PM

Subject: Loosing my business! -- Gold King Mine Discharge

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Dear Paula and Walter,

My manager spent all day today trying to get information as to the health threat of the Gold King Mine spill to the San Juan River specifically on the section from Bluff Utah to Clay Hills Crossing. I own Wild Rivers Expeditions located in Bluff Utah right on the river which has been running river trips for over 58 years on this stretch including daily and multi-day trips. This week alone we stand to loose over \$10k if we cancel our trips. We are a small company and this may not seem like much, but this really hurts. The most frustrating deal is that we cannot get any information as to the health risks our clients and guides are facing from this spill at this section on the river. We are trying to figure out if we have to cancel the rest of the season or any trips at all!?? This is our livelihood and we have clients and our business with our lives oh hold! Please HELP! Can either or both of you please have someone from your offices who have some information reach out to me or my manager Dallin Tait at our main office (435) 672-2244 immediately Monday morning? Our livelihood depends on it.

Sincerely,

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